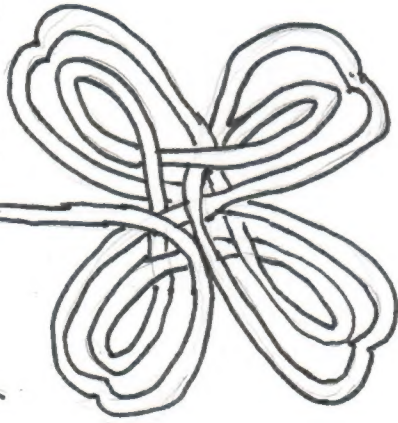
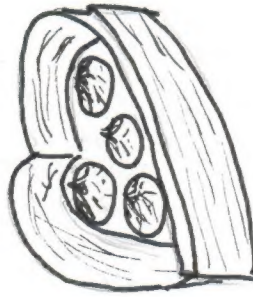


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Today I learned



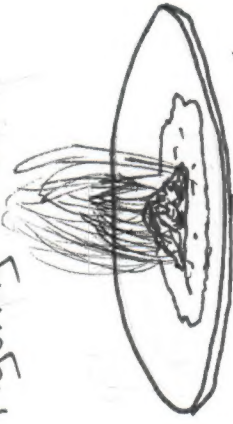
"Dim sum" means
"with a touch of heart"



signifying the care
put into it.

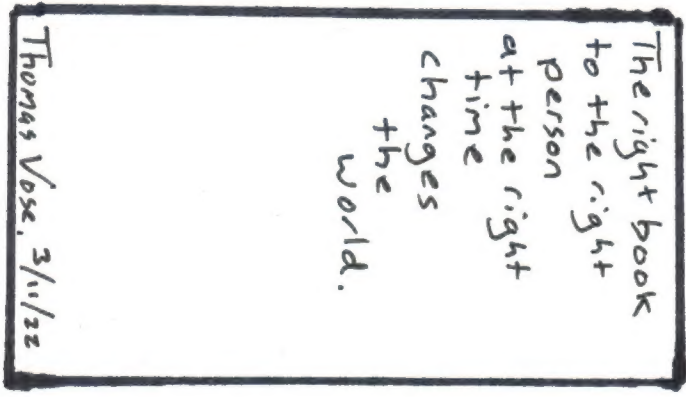


The term "proof" as
a measure of alcohol
content comes from
the old way of
figuring it out:

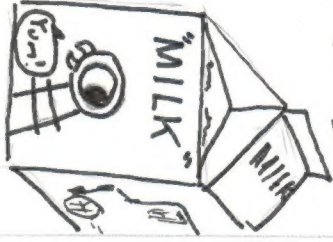


soaking gunpowder
in it and seeing if
it lit.

If it did, it was
"proof" the liquor was
at least 57% alcohol
(give or take)



"Pigeon milk" isn't.
It's a liquid formed
in their esophagi
which they use
to feed
their
hatchlings.
It's also
called
"crop milk."



The term "buccaneer"
comes from "boucan"
a frame used for
drying meat.
Hunters who cooked
this way were often
driven to piracy
by an unfriendly
Spanish government.

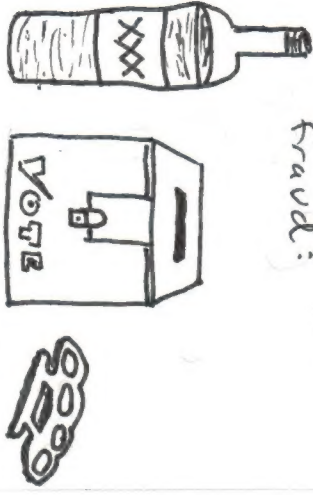


The Coptic Christians
consider St. Mark
their founder.



His symbol is a
winged lion, which
visited him in a
dream.
Venice claims him as
a founder as well.

"Looping" was an old
tactic of voting
fraud:



It involved grabbing
people off the street,
getting them drunk, and
forcing them to vote
multiple times under
threat of a beating.